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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASYLUM: WALDEN FLORES BELLO

REF: (A) STATE 205500; (B) MANILA 11957 (AUG 27, 1975)

1. SINCE ASSESSMENT PROVIDED PARA 4 REFTTEL B WHEN EMBASSY LAST ASKED TO EVALUATE BELLO CASE, HE SEEMS TO HAVE CONTINUED HIS STRONG OPPOSITION TO MARCOS GOVERNMENT. WE ARE STILL UNABLE TO PREDICT WITH PRECISION WHAT RECEPTION BELLO MIGHT MEET WITH SHOULD HE RETURN TO THE PHILIPPINES. CONCEIVABLY, HE COULD BE DETAINED ESPECIALLY IF HE CHOSE TO CONTINUE TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST THE REGIME, ALTHOUGH IF HE REMAINS SILENT, GOVERNMENT MIGHT NOT BOTHER HIM. HE MOST PROBABLY WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN JOB AT UP OR OTHER GOP-ASSISTED INSTITUTION OR PROJECT ALTHOUGH CURRENT DEAN OF UP FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES IS EX-DETAINEE.

2. WHEN CONTRASTED WITH OTHER ASYLUM REQUESTS, WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO EVALUATE, BELLO HAS A STRONG AND CONSISTENT RECORD OF ANTI-MARCOS ACTIVITY WHILE IN THE U.S. HIS ANTI-MARCOS ACTIVITIES ALSO APPEAR TO HAVE EXTENDED DATED MARTIAL LAW. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, HE ENTERED U.S. IN 1969, OVER THREE YEARS PRIOR TO DECLARATION OF MARTIAL LAW. QUESTIONS THAT INEVITABLY OCCUR IN CASE LIKE THIS ARE WHETHER ACADEMICIAN OF BELLO'S APPARENT

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ABILITY REALLY EVER DID CONTEMPLATE RETURN TO PHILIPPINES

AND WHETHER HIS ANTI-MARCOS ZEAL MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN  
REENFORCED BY HIS DESIRE TO REMAIN IN THE U.S.  
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